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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

John Hefti

Application No.: 09/365,978

Filed: August 2, 1999

For: SWITCHABLE BIO-ASSAY  
DEVICE (as amended)

Examiner: C. Chin

Art Unit: 1641

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title of the present application to "SWITCHABLE BIO-ASSAY DEVICE."

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following claims:

34. A bio-assay device, comprising:

a signal path configured to support the propagation of an electromagnetic signal therealong, the signal path comprising a molecular binding region; and

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